

# ***Ft Harrison Museum Foundation***



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EXHIBIT 2  
DATE 1/30/07  
HB 5

January 30, 2007

Request to have \$80,000.00 restored to the Department of Military Affairs Military Capital Construction Project to support the Montana Military Museum expansion.

Long Range Building Committee  
Montana Legislature.

The Montana Military Museum is an all volunteer organization dedicated to telling the Montana Military Story, from its earliest beginning with Lewis and Clark expedition up to the current war in Iraq. We are a non-profit 501 c(3) organization and are currently registered with the Montana Secretary of State. The Museum is located at the National Guard training center, Fort William Henry Harrison, Montana, approximately 5 miles west of Helena.

The current Museum located in building T-16 has exhibits which tell the military story of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Montana Militia, the medal of honor wall, the First Special Service Force that trained at Fort Harrison during World War II, the 163d infantry, Montana National Guard in World War I and World War II, the Navy exhibit of the USS Helena, women in the Military and a small exhibit of the Korean War. This most professional museum was developed by an all volunteer committee under the direction of local artist Robert F. Morgan, and funded with all private money.

In the 2007-2008 Long-Range Building Program proposed budget submitted by the Department of Military Affairs, \$80,000.00 was identified to assist the Montana Military Museum in construction costs of its needed expansion of facilities. This request, as indicated, would only address a portion of the overall project cost. Presently the expansion is estimated to cost \$250,000.00 for the buildings and an equal amount will be required to develop the necessary exhibit space in accordance with national museum standards. Enclosure 1 is the original submission that was removed from the Departments budget submission.

The Board of Directors for the Fort William Henry Harrison Museum Foundation has developed an initiative to expand the main Museum facility, building T-16, historically known as the Quartermaster Warehouse and Regimental Supply Office and connect it to building T-19, the original Troop Medical Facility built in the same time frame and, expanded during World War II. These buildings were built in the 1920 and 30's. The Montana Military Museum main exhibit facility has undergone extensive

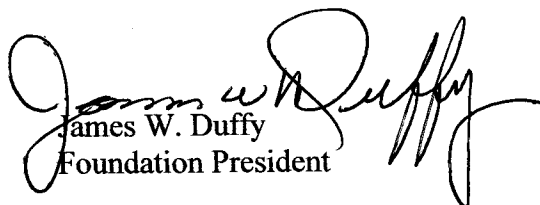
interior renovation in order to provide safe and appropriate exhibit space for the Museum collections up through the end of World War II, while maintaining the integrity of the historic exterior of the building and the area.

With the federal and state activations of units and individual soldiers in Montana, the Montana Military Museum has found that it lacks adequate space to develop and tell the story of our newest greatest generation. We as the non-profit Foundation have reviewed with the Museums options and have determined that a building addition in combination with renovation of existing space will allow for the required growth of the Museum, public access and work facilities. Enclosures 2 are pictures of the proposed project.

The Montana Military Museum is officially recognized as the military museum activity of Montana by the U. S. Army Center of Military History. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau has tasked us, without funding support, to tell the story of our current Montana Army and Air National Guard Military members along with over 112,000 veterans and the nearly 250,000 silent veterans who have called Montana their home ground over the past 140 years.

The Foundation Board of Directors will launch a campaign to raise \$500,000.00 in early 2007. The Board has agreed to retain a professional fund raiser, as was done with the Liberty House campaign at the Veterans Administration Center. We must also hire an architect to design the proposed expansion and a Grant writer to prepare grant applications.

The \$80,000.00 we are requesting would be used to cover costs needed in the above planning process for the proposed expansion. We ask this committee to please honor this request.

  
James W. Duffy  
Foundation President

Enclosures

1. Original budget request
2. Project area graphics

Long-Range Building Program  
Project Detail - All Projects

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Project Title: Montana Military Museum  
Brief Description of Project:  
To assist in the expansion of the museum

Statewide Priority:  
Agency Priority: 8  
Est. Completion Date: 04/30/2009

Cap. Proj. Bien: 2009  
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Request No: 1389  
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Agency No: 6701 Agency Name: DEPT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
Program No: 11 Program Name: MILITARY CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

THIS PROJECT:

- ☐ Is an Original Facility  
☒ Improves an Existing Facility  
☐ Replaces an Existing Facility

Major Maintenance Class:  
☐ Class I ☐ Class II ☐ Class III

LOCATION:

- ☒ Site on Owned Property  
☐ Site to be Selected  
☐ Site Already Selected

- ☒ Outside of 100 Year Flood Plain  
☒ Utilities Already Available  
☒ Access Already Available

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT:

|                            |          |                           |          |
|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1. Land Acquisition:       | \$0      | 9. Contingency:           | \$0      |
| 2. Site Investigation:     | \$0      | 10. A&E Supervisory Fee:  | \$0      |
| 3. Consultant Services:    | \$0      | 11. Construction Mgmt:    | \$0      |
| 4. Construction Costs:     | \$80,000 | 12. Commissioning:        | \$0      |
| 5. Site Development:       | \$0      | 13. Construction Testing: | \$0      |
| 6. Utilities:              | \$0      | 14. Percent for the Arts: | \$0      |
| 7. Telecomm. Systems:      | \$0      | 15. Other:                | \$0      |
| 8. Furnishings & Equipment | \$0      | Total Estimated Cost:     | \$80,000 |

PROJECT FUNDING:

| Fund     | Amount   | Cash/<br>Bonded | Bill Number |
|----------|----------|-----------------|-------------|
| 05007    | \$80,000 | C               | HB 0005     |
| Total    |          |                 |             |
| Funding: | \$80,000 |                 |             |

**Long-Range Building Program**  
**Project Detail - All Projects**

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**DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY:**

**General Description:**

The current museum is 3,430 SF and isn't large enough to exhibit all the articles from all of the services, including uniforms from the various branches. We would like to expand the museum to exhibit more of the war memorabilia that is currently being exhibited.

This request will be a portion of the overall project cost. Presently the expansion is estimated to cost \$250,000.

**EXPLANATION OF PROBLEM**

**BEING ADDRESSED:**

Currently the existing Museum at Fort Harrison is greatly undersized for the articles that are available for display. The facility needs an expansion to provide the proper types of displays for the numerous articles and artifacts that are available for display. This funding request will be a part of a larger funding campaign supported by federal dollars as well as private donations.

**ALTERNATIVES**

**CONSIDERED:**

- #1 Do nothing
- #2 Do expansion

**Rationale for Selection  
of Particular Alternative:**

#2 was selected because the museum is too small to handle and display all of the materials they currently have.

**GENERAL NARRATIVE:**

Two centuries of military experiences in Montana are displayed in the museum complex. The displays follow the military in Montana from the arrival of Lewis & Clark army expedition in 1805 through the Indian Wars, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, the Koren Conflict, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm and various peacekeeping operations.

Also, of great importance is the exhibit dedicated to the Special Forces during WWI who trained here at Fort Harrison.

# Long-Range Building Program Project Costs Upon Completion - All Projects

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| <b>Project Title</b> Montana Military Museum                                    |  | <b>Cap. Proj. Bien:</b> 2009   | <b>Cap. Proj. Request No:</b> 1389 |
| <b>Brief Description of Project</b><br>To assist in the expansion of the museum |  | <b>Statewide Priority:</b> 8   | <b>Version:</b> 2009-6701-A-51     |
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| <b>Program No.</b> 11 <b>Program Name</b> MILITARY CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION         |  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved<br><input type="radio"/> Disapproved |                                    |

Biennium: 2009

| FTE              | Personal Services        | Operating Costs | Maintenance Expenses | Total Costs | Amount | Percent |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| 0.00             | \$0                      | \$4,420         | \$500                | \$4,920     |        |         |
| <b>Fund Type</b> |                          |                 |                      |             |        |         |
| 03               | FEDERAL SPEC. REV. FUNDS |                 |                      | \$4,920     |        | 100.00% |

Biennium: 2011

| FTE              | Personal Services        | Operating Costs | Maintenance Expenses | Total Costs | Amount | Percent |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| 0.00             | \$0                      | \$4,641         | \$525                | \$5,166     |        |         |
| <b>Fund Type</b> |                          |                 |                      |             |        |         |
| 03               | FEDERAL SPEC. REV. FUNDS |                 |                      | \$5,166     |        | 100.00% |

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Biennium: 2013

|                             | FTE  | Personal Services | Operating Costs | Maintenance Expenses | Total Costs | Amount  | Percent |
|-----------------------------|------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|                             | 0.00 | \$0               | \$4,873         | \$551                | \$5,424     |         |         |
| <u>Fund Type</u>            |      |                   |                 |                      |             |         |         |
| 03 FEDERAL SPEC. REV. FUNDS |      |                   |                 |                      |             | \$5,424 | 100.00% |

# Montana Military Museum Grounds

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